

Remarks/Arguments:

The June 15, 2006 Office Action requires an election between four species. Applicants elect to prosecute species I, a method for detecting tire growth wherein the tire growth is individually examined in predetermined speed ranges. This election is made without traverse.

Each of the claims now depends from claim 19 which is generic to the elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims reads on the elected species.

In the December 6, 2005 Office Action, claims 21-24 and 27-39 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of allowable claim 22 have been incorporated into independent claim 19. Each of the remaining claims depends from independent claim 19.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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